ARTICLES

OF

THE HIGH COURT OF

CHANCERY,

FOR

SETTLING AND GOVERNING

Sir JOSEPH WILLIAMSON's

MATHEMATICAL SCHOOL

AT

ROCHESTER.

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ARTICLES, ORDERS, CONSTITUTIONS, *and* AGREEMENTS, *ratified and confirmed by the High Court of Chancery* July 20. 1708. *for the ſettling and governing of Sir* Joſeph Williamſon's *Mathematical School at* Rocheſter.

FIRST, That the Lands and Eſtates, purchaſed or ſettled for the uſe of the ſaid Charity, ſhall be conveyed to Truſtees and their Heirs, under the Truſts hereafter mentioned; and under the further Truſt, that the three laſt Survivors ſhall tranſmit and convey to others, ſo as that the Truſt may be perpetuated: And that the preſent Truſtees be two ſenior Aldermen, two ſenior Common Counſelmen of the City of *Rocheſter*, *Leonard Bartholomew*, *Robert Conny*, and *William*

Belcher, Eſquires, *Richard Head*, *Charles Finch*, and *John Browne*, Gentlemen.

SECONDLY, That there ſhall be conſtant Ordinary Governours of the ſaid School and Charitable Foundation; and that *John Boys*, *Thomas Addiſon*, and *Joſeph Hornſby* during the term of their natural Lives, and the Mayor of the City of *Rocheſter* for the time being for ever, the Dean of *Rocheſter* for the time being for ever, the Recorder of the City of *Rocheſter*, for the time being for ever, the Maſter of the *Trinity*-Houſe and the Commiſſioner of *Chatham* Dock for the time being for ever, the eldeſt Prebendary of the Church of *Rocheſter* at any time reſident there, Doctor *John Harris* Prebendary of *Rocheſter* during his natural Life, the late Mayor and eldeſt Alderman of the ſaid City for the time being for ever, the two Members of Parliament for the ſaid City for the time being for ever, the two Wardens of *Rocheſter* Bridge for the time being for ever, and the

the Town Clerk of the ſaid City for the time being for ever, ſhall be the Ordinary Governours of the ſame.

THIRDLY, That the Moſt Reverend Father in God the Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* Primate and Metropolitan of *England* and his Succeſſors, the Right Honourable *William* Lord *Cowper* Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain* and his Succeſſors the Lords High Chancellors or Lords Keepers of the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, the Right Reverend Father in God *Thomas* Lord Biſhop of *Rocheſter* and his Succeſſors, and the Lord or Proprietor of *Cobham* Hall and Park for the time being, ſhall be the Extraordinary Governours and Viſitors of the ſaid Charitable Foundation: Who ſhall have the general Overſight of the Affairs of the ſame; with power to act in any caſe where the Ordinary Governours fail in their Duty; and finally to determine any differences or conteſts that may ariſe between the Ordinary Governours and

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other the ſubordinate Officers of the ſaid Charitable Foundation.

FOURTHLY, That the Ordinary Governours do make and alter ſuch Rules, Orders, and Conſtitutions, from time to time, for the good ordering and governing the ſaid Mathematical School and Charitable Foundation, as they ſhall find neceſſary and convenient, and ſhall be approved of by the Extraordinary Governours.

FIFTHLY, That the Ordinary Governours have power to chooſe the Upper Maſter and Under Maſter or Uſher of the ſaid Mathematical School; and to cenſure, or ſuſpend, or deprive them: and to hear and determine at their yearly Viſitations any complaint touching the breach of Orders or Rules of the ſaid School; and to determine any diſputes or differences that ſhall ariſe between the ſaid Upper Maſter and the ſaid Under Maſter or Uſher.

SIXTHLY,

SIXTHLY, That Mr. *Stephen Thornton*, be the Upper Maſter, and Mr. *George Ruſſell* the Under Maſter or Uſher, of the ſaid Mathematical School: And that, when the Revenues of the Charity Eſtates are ſufficient, the yearly Salary of the Upper Maſter ſhall be One Hundred Pounds *per Annum*, and of the Under Maſter or Uſher Forty Pounds *per Annum*: But, when the Revenues fall ſhort, the Ordinary Governours are to direct and regulate at their annual Viſitation the reſpective Salaries of the ſaid Maſters, having regard to the aboveſaid proportions in leſſening and abating the ſame.

SEVENTHLY, That upon the Death, Reſignation, or Removal of either of the Maſters of the ſaid School, the Mayor of the ſaid City ſhall cauſe immediate Notice thereof to be given or ſent to all the Ordinary Governours; to the end that a new Election may be made before the end of two Months, and not until the end of one

Month, after ſuch Death, Reſignation, or Removal: And ſhall alſo cauſe publick Notice in writing of the intended Day of Election of ſuch new Maſter or Uſher to be affixed upon the Door of the School Houſe fifteen Days before the Day of Election; and that Copies of each Notice ſhall alſo be given or ſent to the Houſes of all the Ordinary Governours. And that no Perſon ſhall be capable to be choſen Upper Maſter of the School, unleſs he ſhall produce to the ſaid Governours a ſufficient Teſtimonial or Certificate of his being fitly qualified for the ſaid Employment, under the hands of the Mathematick Profeſſors of Geometry or Aſtronomy of either of the Univerſities of *Oxford* or *Cambridge*, either of the Mathematick Maſters of *Chriſt*'s Hoſpital, the Secretary of the Royal Society, or, for the time being, the *Regius* Profeſſor of Aſtronomy at the Royal Obſervatory at *Greenwich*, or any two of them. And that in all ſuch Elections all the Ordinary Governours ſhall have Votes; and ſuch

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of them as are abſent to be allowed to vote by Proxy in writing; and the Election to go according to the Majority of Votes; and the Governour, who preſides, to have a caſting Voice in caſe of equality.

EIGHTHLY, That if the Ordinary Governours ſhall not chooſe a Maſter or Uſher, after any vacancy, within the ſpace of two Months, then the Extraordinary Governours may chooſe ſuch Maſter or Uſher with all convenient ſpeed; ſo as that ſuch Upper Maſter be a Perſon qualified as aforeſaid.

NINTHLY, That the Number of the Ordinary Governours, requiſite at any Meeting, to act in all common and ordinary Caſes, be Five at the leaſt.

TENTHLY, That no Maſter or Uſher be ſuſpended, or deprived, or diſplaced, but upon due Notice given to all the Ordinary Governours, and a Day appointed

appointed to conſider of and determine of the Caſe; in which all to have Votes.

ELEVENTHLY, That the Ordinary Governours do once at the leaſt in every Year viſit the School, and cauſe the Boys to be examined, upon every *Tueſday* next after the Feaſt-Day of St. *John Baptiſt*, commonly called Midſummer-Day. And, for that purpoſe, that the ſaid Governours ſhall yearly chooſe and appoint ſome proper Perſon to be Examiner of the ſaid School; and, in default of ſuch particular choice and appointment, either of the Mathematick Maſters of *Chriſt*'s Hoſpital to be Examiner. And that the Governours be allowed to appoint a Gratuity to be given to ſuch Examiner of the ſaid School, not exceeding Four Pounds in any one year; And that a Viſitation Dinner be provided at the School Houſe for the ſaid Governours, not exceeding the Sum of Four Pounds; and that the Uſher do give the

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ſaid Governours Notice of the Day of ſuch annual Viſitation.

TWELFTHLY, That no Leaſe be let of any part of the Charity Eſtate for above Twenty one Years; ſo that the moſt Rent be reſerved that can be got for the ſame. And that the Upper Maſter of the ſaid School and Committee of Charitable Uſes of the ſaid City (if any) be firſt made acquainted with all Treaties for any ſuch Leaſes, and before any Contract be made for the ſame: And that the ſaid Upper Maſter and Five or more of the ſaid Governours do ſign all ſuch Leaſes, to teſtify their conſent and approbation thereof.

THIRTEENTHLY, That the City Provider, or Receiver of the publick Charities of the ſaid City, do receive the Rents of the Charity Eſtates ſettled upon this Foundation, and pay the ſame according to the ſtated Orders of the Ordinary Governours. And, for that Pur-

poſe, that the Mayor and Citizens do covenant with the ſaid Truſtees that he ſhall do the ſame *gratis*; and that he ſhall not only give an Account of the Revenues of this Charity among the other Charities of the ſaid City to the ſaid Committee of Charitable Uſes, and the Dean and Chapter of *Rocheſter*, and the Wardens of *Rocheſter* Bridge, but ſhall likewiſe be obliged by Bond, with ſufficient Sureties, to give a diſtinct Account thereof to the ſaid Governours at their annual Viſitation.

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Extract from the Will of Sir Joſeph Williamſon, *Knt. for founding a Free School at* Rocheſter, *dated* Auguſt 16. *and proved in the Prerogative Court of* Canterbury October 17. 1701. *by his Relict* Catherine *Lady* Obryan *Baroneſs of* Clifton, John Boys *Eſq*; Thomas Addiſon, *and* Joſeph Hornſby, *his Executors.*

ITEM, I do give and bequeath Five Thouſand Pounds, to be laid out by my Executors herein after named in the purchaſe of ſome Lands or Tenements in *England*, for and towards the building, perfecting, carrying on, and perpetual maintaining of a Free School at *Rocheſter*, and of a Schoolmaſter or Schoolmaſters, for the inſtructing and education of ſuch Youth there, who are or ſhall be the Sons of the Freemen there, towards the Mathematicks, and all other things which may fit and encourage them to the Sea Service, or Arts and Callings leading or relating thereto.

Clauſe

Clauſes of the Statutes of 43 Eliz. *chap.* 4. *intitled,* An Act to redreſs the miſimployment of Lands, Goods, and Stocks of Money, heretofore [or which hereafter ſhall be] given to Charitable Uſes.

BE it Enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners [authorized to put this Act in Execution] or any four or more of them, ſhall and may make Decrees and Orders for Recompence to be made by any Perſon or Perſons, who being put in Truſt, or having Notice of the Charitable Uſes abovementioned [viz. of Lands, Tenements, &c.] given (inter alia) for Maintainance of Schools of Learning, Free Schools, &c.] hath, or ſhall break the ſame Truſt, or defraud the ſame Uſes, by any Conveyance, Gift, Grant, Leaſe, Demiſe, Releaſe, or Converſion whatſoever, and againſt the Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators of him, them, or any of them, having Aſſets in Law or Equity, ſo far as the ſame Aſſets will extend.

Procedam hoc aliquid quandoque audebis,

1093. c. 100.